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In the Application of: Attorney Docket No.: 2813-L

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For: MEDIUM CONTAINING FLT3 LIGAND FOR
CULTURING HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 11, delete "now pending" and replace it with -- abandoned--.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks. A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment and extends the period for response from March 21, 1999 to May 21, 1999.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has noted that it has renumbered the claims to 1-8 from the previous 36, 49 and 50-55. While the USPTO may change the numbering of claims, applicants believe that compliance with 37 CFR 1.126 was done. The instant application is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/444,627 which contained claims 36 and 49. When the instant application was filed, it was filed concurrently with a Preliminary Amendment that added claims 50-55, which applicants believe are correctly numbered claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the USPTO is in error and that the claims were